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NATIONAL ORGAN AND TISSUE TRANSPLANTATION ORGANISATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of setting up of National Organ and Tissue Transplantation Organisation (NOTTO) including Biomaterial centre in the country along with its objective and purpose;

(b) whether the Government maintains a waiting list for getting organ donation and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to launch a web portal to establish a transparent interface between donors and recipients of all organs including cornea;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote and bring in transparency/simplify the procedure of organ donation and also create general awareness to encourage people to donate human organs in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a): The National Organ and Tissue Transplantation Organization has been set up in New Delhi. It will ensure increased availability of organs/tissues retrieved from deceased donors and help save lives of many persons suffering from end stage organ failure.

(b): Such waiting lists are not maintained centrally.

(c) & (d): A web-portal, i.e. a dedicated website [www.notto.nic.in] has been made operational.

(e): The web based system to be maintained by NOTTO will ensure transparent allocation of organs to the needy persons. The Government has, consistently been carrying out Information, Education and Communication activities including organizing 'Indian Organ Donation Day' every year since 2010, to generate awareness about organ donation. Awareness activities have also been organized in India International Trade Fair, New Delhi in November, 2014.